

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the Title and the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application Number PCT/IT2004/000312, filed May 27, 2004. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. –

After page 11, insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

ABSTRACT

A roller (1) for transferring labels of the suction type, comprising a lateral surface (21) having a plurality of openings (2) communicating with respective suction conduits (3) to maintain a label adhering to said lateral surface (21). Originally, at least one of the suction conduits (3) is provided with at least an additional opening (5) located in a position that cannot be obstructed by the label adhering to the lateral surface (21) of the roller (1), to maintain said conduit (3) in constant communication with the external environment. Said additional opening (5) is preferably positioned in an upper area (41) of the roller at a suction opening (3).